

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 12A and 12B are side views of the expansion mechanism or expansible bogie-fastening element, of the bathing aid of the embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As described earlier, the main unit 1 is provided with the stopper 176 for fastening the bogie unit 210 of the wheelchair 2. When the bathtub 12 is stored as shown in Fig. 1, the stopper will be obstructive and may cause someone to stumble if it is left sticking forward. Therefore, the present apparatus is provided with an ~~expansion mechanism~~ expansible bogie-fastening element 17 for moving the stopper 176 back and forth along with the tilting motion of the bathtub 12. Figs. 12A and 12B are side views showing the construction of the ~~expansion mechanism~~ expansible bogie-fastening element 17. On each side of the guide slope 15, an end of the first member 171 is connected to the shaft. The first member 171 has a shaft at the other end, and an end of the second member 172 is connected to the shaft. The second member 172 has a roller 173 at the other end. The roller 173 is placed on the floor and rolls on it.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.